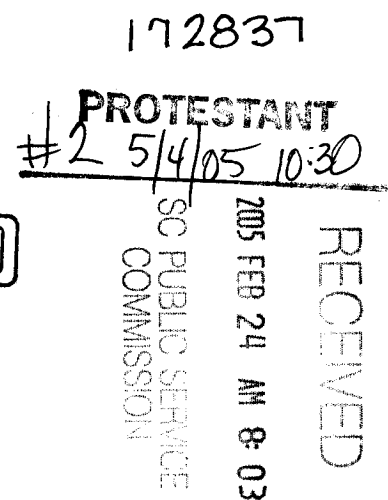
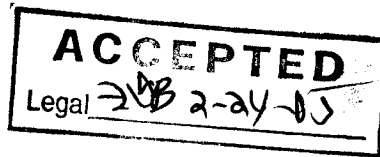


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In reference to the proposed rate increase from \$28.86 to \$40.92 per month in the King's Grant subdivision, I find this increase amount to be unacceptable. A 42% increase is an exorbitant amount which is not consistent with the rate of inflation, and frankly appears to be an opportunity to claim unjustified profits, or to cover up sloppy cost controls or decisions on the part of the petitioner.

If indeed DHEC regulations are to blame for these increases, which I find hard to believe, then DHEC has proceeded with shameless disregard to the consumer. It is certainly not a government agency's mandate to impose such regulations without taking into consideration the impact to the general public; the same public which is the basis and existence of the government.

I find it very difficult to believe that any company needs 42% increases to its revenues to offset apparent cost increases. It would be nice if I could go to my employer and ask for a 42% raise, but then again, we are not living in a fantasy world.

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